

## **The context of the research**

UEA was approached by Opportunities West Norfolk to see if the University could undertake research which would increase understanding of why students withdraw from post 16 courses of education and training in West Norfolk, to develop further insight into the factors which influence the numbers of young people entering the "NEET" pool, and to explore elements of good practice and effective strategies and interventions which might serve to reduce the number of young people becoming "NEET". The research was undertaken between April and June 2009.